

TAFT-ROOSEVELT FIGHT IS WARM

President Denies Intimation
that He Distrusts the
People.

MEETS OPEN ATTACK

His Utterances Against Recall of
Judges Now Being Used
Against Him.

President Taft has learned that the Roosevelt campaign managers propose to use against him his statements in opposition to the recall of the judiciary as indicating his lack of confidence in the judgment of the American people.

This is the reason why he issued an emphatic statement from the White House yesterday insisting that nothing which he had said could be distorted into affording a basis for the assertion. A specific instance of inaccurate publication cited by him was his speech against recall before the New York Bar Association on January 20, when, according to some reports, he was credited with stating that he did not believe all the people were fitted for popular government and with adding that he made the statement knowing that others did not dare to do so. According to the statement issued by him yesterday, he said that "all people" were not fitted for popular government.

Quoted by Roosevelt.

It was in the same speech of January 20 that Mr. Taft was reported as using these words:

"We are called upon now—we of the majority—to say whether we are going to protect the institution of the judiciary and continue it independent of the majority or of all the people. These last nine words, 'independent of the majority or of all the people,' were used by Mr. Roosevelt in quotation marks in his Columbus speech, when, without referring to President Taft by name, he used the phrase, 'many eminent lawyers,' he said:

"Many eminent lawyers, who were or were not frankly disinterested in our entire system of American government, for by and of the people, 'voluntarily' and 'independently' (recall of the judiciary). They believe, and sometimes assert, that the American people are not fitted for popular government, and that it is necessary to keep the judiciary 'independent of the majority or of all the people,' that there must be no appeal to the people from the decision of a court in any case, and that, therefore, the judges are to be established as sovereign rulers over the people. I take absolute issue with all those who hold such a position.

The White House statement yesterday contained no reference to these nine words.

CALIFORNIA CLAIMED BY CHAMP CLARK

News from California received at the Clark headquarters yesterday by telegram from San Francisco gives the information that California will be unanimous for Speaker Clark. The withdrawal of Mr. Hearst from the race and his support of the Speaker, has simplified the situation. Governor Wilson's views on the Chinese question, as expressed in his books, have had a tremendous effect in influencing the labor vote of California. Theodore Bell, twice Democratic candidate for governor of California, and present chairman of the Denver convention, is leading the fight for a Clark delegation from California. He is confident that although the Wilson managers will make a determined effort to get some of the delegates, Mr. Clark will carry the May primaries by an overwhelming majority.

FIGHTS HOUSE TO LAST

One Man's Filibuster Lasts Eight Hours.

Representative Roddenberry, of Georgia, was again on the job yesterday conducting his single-handed filibuster to delay the passage of the private pension bills which were held over from Friday.

ANOTHER HOUSE OFFICIAL

Representative Lloyd Wood Appointed "Typewriter Cleaner."

In order that the multitude of resolutions, bills, and the like now being ground out shall not detain Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, yesterday introduced a resolution calling for the appointment of a typewriter cleaner.

Members of the House have been complaining that their machines have become clogged and the average stenographer seems to have only the vaguest idea of the finer workings of the machine he operates. The proposed new official is to be appointed by the House clerk.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

"Among the falsehoods that are being circulated by persons and papers opposed to the President is one that in his Lincoln Day speech he argued 'That the people are not fitted for self-government.' President Taft said nothing upon that occasion which could possibly be twisted into any such construction."

The speech in which the President made reference to popular government was delivered at the banquet of the State Bar Association in New York on the night of January 20. What he then said on this subject, and it was correctly quoted in the newspapers the following day, was this:

"Popular government we all believe in. There are those of us who do not believe that all people are fitted for popular government. The fact is we know they are not. Some of us do not dare say so, but I do; and the question whether a people is fitted for popular self-government, so as to make that government best for the people, is determined by the ability of the majority of that people to place upon itself the restraints by which the minority shall receive justice from the majority. It is the question of self-imposed restraint that determines whether a people is fit to govern itself."

PENSION FUND ON PERCENTAGE BASIS

The Commissioners Urge Senate to
Change Plan Calling for \$1
a Month from Police.

With the endorsement of the Senate bill appropriating funds out of the District revenue to meet the existing deficiency in the police and firemen's pension bill, the District Commissioners yesterday sent to Senator Gallinger a supplementary report on the measure, proposing to put the pension plan on a permanent basis and urged that a percentage, instead of the present "flat rate," be paid by policemen toward the fund.

The Commissioners pointed out that while the Martin bill (the same as the Carlin bill, which was before the House District Committee last Friday) is needed to make up the deficit, it should not interfere with legislation on the more elaborate plan looking to the establishment of a permanent retirement fund. In discussing the latter measure, the Commissioners called attention to the fact that policemen in Washington are divided into three classes, with salaries ranging from \$200 to \$2,500 a year. At the present time all Federal House members pay a flat rate of \$1 a month. This is a hardship on the men of the lowest paid class, said the Commissioners. It was suggested that a percentage basis, to be paid monthly, would work out most satisfactorily and would provide a larger revenue for the fund.

BAND WILL PLAY HOUN' DAWG SONG

Great Champ Clark Rally Planned
for Night of March 7 at
Convention Hall.

Plans for a great Champ Clark rally, where all the old Democratic war horses of the District can get up on their hind legs and tell what a great man the Speaker is and how he is the logical choice for President on a "Missouri hour" dawg platform, are well under way. The meeting will be held in Convention Hall on the night of March 7, and will be in charge of the committee appointed at the Clark rally Friday night. Polton B. Gordon, chairman of the committee, said last night that at least 5,000 persons are expected to attend the mass meeting. Champ Clark himself will address the gathering, and more than 100 members of Congress will also attend. A brass band will furnish music.

TAFT THE WINNER IN IOWA GATHERING

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 24.—President Taft scored a big victory to-day in Madison County, when the Republican county convention, by a vote of ninety to seventeen, endorsed the national administration, and instructed delegates to the district and state convention to work for the renomination of President Taft. Madison is the first county in Senator Cummins' Congressional district to hold a "Missouri hour" dawg. The day has greatly depressed the Cummins' forces. It developed also to-day that in the Des Moines and Polk County primary held here last night, that Taft captured ninety-three delegates in the entire county, when it was supposed that Cummins would have the entire 22, of which the Polk County convention of March 2 will be composed.

SEEK SUGAR SUBSTITUTE.

Underwood and Colleagues Want
New Revenue Producer.

Representative Underwood, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, yesterday said that everything on the revenue-producing list from an effort to find something to substitute for sugar as a revenue producer, and the members have been unable to come to any decision. The proposed substitute will be taken up tomorrow by the committee. The advocates of free sugar have suggested many things that might be increased in order to insure the \$60,000,000 in revenue which would be lost through the proposed reduction in the sugar schedule. Bills have been discussed as a likely subject for larger duties, but the committee has not definitely determined what stand it will take.

Open Campaign Headquarters.

National campaign headquarters for College Men's Democratic League have been opened in the Southern Building. Thomas J. Jackson, of Nebraska, and Harry D. Jacob, of Tennessee, will be in charge.

ROOSEVELT BUSY IN NEW ENGLAND

Important Political Confer-
ences Arranged at Bes-
ton for To-morrow.

CROWD GREETED COLONEL

Boston, Feb. 24.—The entry of Col. Roosevelt to-day at a critical period in the Taft-Roosevelt anti-convention battle created a stir, although the colonel has stated that the only object of his visit was to make a call on the Harvard overseers and renew old acquaintances.

The ex-President was greeted by a throng of five hundred at the Bank Bay depot and had to fairly fight his way from the train up the winding stairway and to an automobile. He dodged his hat-bowed to everybody, and showed his teeth.

"Hokey for Teddy!" yelled the crowd. "We're with you."

As the machine whirled away Roosevelt waved his broad-brimmed hat and got another resounding cheer.

The colonel found another cheering crowd awaiting him outside the home of his old friend, Edward M. Brandegee, a millionaire, of Brookline, where he spent the night.

The political calendar has already begun to shake. Important political conferences have been arranged, beginning with Monday, when a group of Roosevelt allies in this State, along with Gov. Mass, progressive, of New Hampshire, will meet the Rough Rider.

Taft Men to Confer.

The Taft men are to have a conference of their own to-day, what can be done about the Roosevelt move. Leading the Taft forces is Chairman Hatfield, of the Republican State committee, who got into touch yesterday with Senator Crane. Crane urged Hatfield to get out his bill regarding the State committee for a conference of the State committee for Tuesday, when means will be discussed to curb the Roosevelt agitation.

The Roosevelt managers here, led by State Senator Nason, of Haverhill, and Charles S. Baxter, a skilled campaign manipulator, have been working vigorously for weeks perfecting their Roosevelt boom. They have got it so well launched now that old-timers in the Massachusetts organization who were only recently regarded as Tories for Taft are beginning to swing into line for the colonel.

In the Roosevelt camp, working closely to being about a spot in the delegation to Chicago, are such old stagers as former Representative Wilcutt, of Dorchester; Andrew F. Sells, of Winchester; and Russell Wood, of Cape Cod. All of whom have encouraging words for Roosevelt.

Senator Lodge Silent.

The Roosevelt men are trying to get Senator Lodge, one of the old Roosevelt standbys, to come out with an announcement for the colonel, but Lodge is in a difficult fix. The Senator, for whom Roosevelt made a campaign in the United States two years ago, would like to please the ex-President, but it is no secret that he does not share the colonel's ultra-progressive ideas. Lodge is a stand-patter.

If Roosevelt wants Lodge to come out for him, however, after the announcement of the Roosevelt candidacy on Monday, it is a safe bet that he will do it. One reason why Senator Lodge is keeping in the background in the dull hope that he may not have to loudly declare himself is that he does not want any split in the party in this State if he can help it. He wants to be of service if called upon, not alone to Roosevelt, in a quiet way, but to the people of the State.

No "Politics" To-day.

Col. Roosevelt goes to-morrow to the home in this city of Speaker Cushing of the Massachusetts House, and says there will be no "politics" there. Cushing has been an out-and-out advocate, and the colonel's call upon him to remain overnight has set the political savants guessing.

LEAGUE ATTACKS HARMON

Ohio Democratic Organization Assails His Record.

Washington Democrats yesterday received a number of circulars put out by the Progressive Democratic League of Ohio which bitterly attack Gov. Harmon as a man "whose nomination would fill political graveyards with the corpses of candidates for other offices."

Besides being charged with responsibility for the loss of the State, the league distributed a circular claiming that Gov. Harmon's "Wall Street connections make him unfit to be Democratic candidate."

CHILDREN JAILED FOLLOWING RIOT

Lawrence Court Sustains
Soldiers Who Detained
Strikers' Families.

HOUSE MAY INTERVENE

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 24.—Scenes that beggared description took place in this city to-day and to-night, when court sessions were held until late in the night to allow the two judges who were sitting sufficient time to hear the cases against the offenders in the strike riots that took place early in the day.

Men, women, and even children were sent to jail—the children as wayward and the men and women as participants in the strike. Many went to the hospital. Very few of the men and women arraigned in court appeared without wounds of some nature. Even the children showed the marks of the strenuous battle that had taken place between the strikers and the police.

Militia Holds Children.

A flying squadron of the militia had to use force in preventing the shipment of children from the city. Under the cover of darkness the strikers made an attempt to ship the children out of town. This had been forbidden by the police and military authorities.

More than fifty men and women were gathered in by the police. These people resisted the attempt of the police to take the children away from the North Station, where they had been taken for shipment to Philadelphia.

The children were labeled with their names and destination. Tickets had been purchased.

Women Battle with Police.

More than two score police had been called for such an emergency. They surrounded the special train that had been ordered to carry the children and refused to allow them to go on board.

The mothers of the children had gone to the station to bid them farewell. Acting Chief Marshal Sullivan told the children and their escorts to disperse. He gave them warning that they would either go home or be placed under arrest. This ultimatum on the part of the police had seemed to be the word that threw the strikers and the children's escorts into a pitched battle, in which the women took part, was waged for many minutes. The cries of the women and children filled the depot.

When the religious hymns were sung, a hurried call was sent for the militia. Many were arrested, the others scattering about the city. The strikers state that they will make another attempt to ship the children out of the city to-morrow.

WILSON DECLARES FOR LOCAL OPTION

Says that the Liquor Question
Should Never Be Made a
Political Issue.

In response to a letter from Rev. Thomas H. Shannon, the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in New Jersey, Gov. Woodrow Wilson has defined his attitude on the local option question. The governor's reply is as follows:

"The question asked in your letter of April 27 about my attitude toward the important question of local option is, of course, a perfectly legitimate one, and you are entitled to a very frank answer. I would have replied sooner had I not been prevented by imperative public engagements. I have explained my views to you in private, but have, of course, no objection to your making them public."

"I am in favor of local option. I am a thorough believer in local self-government, and believe that every self-governing community which constitutes a social unit should have the right to control the matter of the regulation or of the withholding of licenses."

"But the questions involved are social and moral and are not susceptible of being made parts of a party program. Whenever they become the subject of the subject matter of party contests, they have cut the lines of party organization and party action all the way to the utter confusion of political action in every other field. They have thrown every other question, however important, into the background, and have made constructive party action impossible for long years together. So far as myself am concerned, therefore, I can never consent to have the question of local option made an issue between political parties in this State. My judgment is very clear in this matter. I do not believe that party programs of the highest consequence to the political life of the State and of the nation ought to be thrust on the side and hopelessly embarrassed for long periods together by making a political issue of a mere, a perfectly legitimate one, and a great question which is essentially non-political, non-partisan, moral and social, in its nature."

COMMERCE COURT MAY BE ABOLISHED

After hearing an exhaustive argument yesterday by Senator Forester, of Washington, in advocacy of his bill to abolish the Commerce Court, the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce filed Friday week as the date for considering the advisability of such legislation at this session of Congress.

A strong sentiment in favor of the abolition of the court was manifested in the committee, but it is believed likely that the Senate will await the action of the House before taking any definite steps in this direction.

Several bills have been introduced in the House looking to the abolition of the court, and there are reasons to believe that the Democratic majority will enact such legislation. Opponents of the Commerce Court in the Senate say they are surprised at the strength they have developed, and they are really hopeful of wiping out the court.

MONEY TRUST WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Pujo Resolution Calling for Probe
Passes House with Radical
Amendment.

The Pujo resolution directing the House Banking and Currency Committee to investigate the money trust was passed by the House late yesterday afternoon by a vote of 397 to 8. The resolution contains the compromise amendment insisted upon by the radical Democrats which directs the committee to investigate "all matters touched upon in House resolution No. 46, within the jurisdiction of said committee."

Resolution 46 is the Henry resolution, so violently opposed by the conservative element in the party and overwhelmingly voted down by a Democratic caucus a few weeks ago. The inclusion of this amendment was an admitted concession to the Bryan element of the Democracy and an admission of the possibilities of the money trust inquiry as a campaign proposition.

The text of the resolution as adopted follows:

Resolved, That in order to obtain full and complete information of the banking and currency conditions of the United States for the purpose of determining what legislation is needed, the Committee on Banking and Currency is authorized and directed to make a full investigation thereof, including all matters touched upon in House resolution No. 46 within the jurisdiction of said committee, and said committee is authorized as a whole or by subcommittee to sit during sessions of the House and the recess of Congress, to compel the attendance of witnesses, to send for persons and papers, to administer oaths, to employ such clerical and other assistants as it may deem necessary, and to employ such experts, counsel, accountants, and clerical and other assistants.

The speaker shall have authority to sign and the clerk to attest subpoenas during the sessions or recess of Congress.

At the conclusion of the debate on the resolution, Representative Heflin, of Alabama, made some harsh comments concerning George B. Corley, former Cabinet member and ex-chairman of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Heflin, referring to Mr. Corley's service as Secretary of Commerce and Labor and to the investigation of corporations by that department, declared Mr. Corley was a badge marked "Republican campaign committee."

IDLE COMMITTEE STIRS ROTHERMEL

Member of District Body Commands
Herald Editorial and Urges Col-
leagues to "Do Things."

Commenting the protest in yesterday's Washington Herald against the delay in District legislation caused by the tardiness of a Congressman, Representative Rothermel, a member of the District Committee, last night urged more activity on the part of committee members.

"The Washington Herald's statement," said Mr. Rothermel, "coincides exactly with my own view. Members of the District Committee, even at personal sacrifice, should give constant attention to the needs of Washington. The plan of trusting to some one else to do what you should do will never result in anything but expensive delay."

"If committee members find that they cannot serve the committee they should resign. The chairman needs, above anything, a body of men who are ready to do things. It is unfair to Washington and unfair to the democratic idea of progressiveness to allow so much needed legislation to remain inactive because members of the committee can't afford time to attend meetings."

Representative Redfield, of New York, another member of the District Committee, who is desirous of more activity, yesterday wrote a letter to Chairman Ben Johnson, asking that he call a special meeting on Wednesday to take up the Carlin bill providing for the appropriation of sufficient funds to meet the present deficiency in the police and firemen's pension fund.

In his letter Mr. Redfield said, in part: "It seems to be no division of the committee on the subject, and it seems a pity that these worthy men should be longer deprived of what is legally theirs through any failure to act on a measure we all think meritorious."

TO HOLD HEARINGS ON LIQUOR BILLS

Three bills having to do with the punishment of drunkenness and the regulation of the alcoholic liquor traffic in the District will be taken up by the subcommittee of the Senate District Committee to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. When witnesses from the Anti-Saloon League, the Liquor Dealers' Association and District officials will appear and give their views on the measures.

The subcommittee comprises Senators Jones, Dillingham, Wood and Lusk. No details thus far have been assigned for the hearings, but it is generally supposed they will last a week.

Forbes and Eldorado in Collision.

Inquire, Feb. 24.—The British steamship Forbes, from Newcastle, New South Wales, and the American schooner Eldorado, from Portland, Ore., have been in collision. The Eldorado was damaged.

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ALWAYS A CELEBRITY.
Nobody Ever Recalls that in a Previous Incarnation He Was a Humble Person.

From Fort.

Dr. Julia Sears, head of the "New Thought School," says "There are enough people on the planet to-day who remember one or more of their incarnations to make it a certainty that reincarnation is a positive fact."

All right, doctor; we'll add this to our list of positive facts, which is already becoming somewhat unwieldy. Still, there is a question which has been passing in a good while, and we now make bold to ask: Why is it that among all those people who remember one or more of their incarnations, not one can remember being a had carrier, an underlaborer's assistant, or an office boy in a soap factory? There is a strong tendency to run toward royal families, court musicians, and philosophers. Two or three persons can dis-

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